CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL COAST REGION 895 AEROVISTA PLACE, SUITE 101 SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION R3-2002-0093 (Drafted August 8, 2002)

Adopting Revised State Water Resources Control Board
Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program and Reformatting Existing Nonpoint Source
Plans, Policies, and Management Practices
Amendment of the Central Coast Basin Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)
And Requesting Approval from State Water Resources Control Board

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (hereafter Regional Board) finds:

- 1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, adopted the *Water Quality Control Plan, Central Coastal Basin* (hereafter Basin Plan), on September 8, 1994.
- 2. The Regional Board periodically revises and amends the Basin Plan. The most recently finalized amendment to the Basin Plan was in April 1995.
- 3. The Regional Board is responsible for reviewing water quality standards and implementation plans as appropriate and for modifying and adopting standards contained in the Plans under provisions set forth in section 303(c) of the Federal Clean Water Act and Section 13240, Division 7 of the California Water Code.
- 4. The State Water Resources Control Board revised the State Nonpoint Source Management Plan to the "Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program" (January 2002).
- 5. State Water Resources Control Board Resolution 99-114, revising the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program was adopted on December 14, 1999 pursuant to Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.
- 6. The Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (dated January 2000) includes a coordinated statewide approach to managing nonpoint source pollution structured around 61 management measures. Management measures serve as goals for the control and prevention of polluted runoff. Site-specific management practices are used to achieve the goals of each management measure. Implementation of management measures will occur using a fifteen-year strategy with three nested five-year implementation plans. The fifteen-year strategy and each five-year implementation plan use an iterative program process.

- 7. The Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program process includes: Assessing Program activities, targeting efforts, planning activities based on Program goals and objectives, coordinating the efforts of federal, State, and local agencies and stakeholders, implementing coordinated actions, tracking and monitoring the results of implemented actions, and reporting on Program results. The Program Plan is designed to be flexible and adaptable over time.
- 8. The Basin Plan contains existing nonpoint source information distributed throughout the document.
- 9. The Basin Plan requires restructuring in order to have appropriate nonpoint source information, findings, and requirements in a designated section of the Basin Plan (Section VIII. CONTROL OF NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTANTS).
- 10. Regional Board consulted with the Department of Fish and Game regarding potential impacts of proposed Basin Plan revisions on fish and wildlife resources, and threatened and endangered plants and animal species. The Department of Fish and Game has made a determination of "no jeopardy" pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act.
- 11. A draft notice of filing, staff report, the proposed amendment, and environmental checklist have been prepared and distributed to interested persons and agencies for review and comment in accordance with state and federal environmental regulations (23 CCR § 3775, 40 CFR 25 and 40 CFR 131).
- 12. Regional Board staff has followed appropriate procedures to satisfy the environmental documentation requirements of both the California Environmental Quality Act of 1977 (PL 92-500 and PL 95-217).
- 13. The Regional Board finds adoption of these amendments will have no potential for adverse effect, either individually or cumulatively, on wildlife. The Regional Board finds adoption of these amendments not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.
- 14. Due notice of public hearing was given by advertising in newspapers of general circulation within the Region.
- 15. On December 6, 2002 in San Luis Obispo California, the Regional Board held a public hearing and considered all public testimony.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Pursuant to section 13240 of the California Water Code, the Regional Board, after considering the entire record, including oral testimony, adopts the Basin Plan amendment Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program and Reformatting Existing Nonpoint Source Plans, Policies, and Management Practices Amendment of the Central Coast Basin Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) as shown in Attachments B "Revised Chapter 4. Implementation Plan", C "Revised Chapter 5. Plans and Policies", and D

"Revised Basin Plan Appendix". The amendment will not take effect until approved by the State Board, the Office of Administrative Law, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

- 2. The Board's Executive Officer is authorized to submit the amendment to the State Water Resources Control Board in accordance with the requirements of section 13245 of the California Water Code.
- 3. The Regional Board requests that the State Water Resources Control Board approve the Basin Plan amendment in accordance with the requirements of sections 13245 and 13246 of the California Water Code, and that upon approval, the State Board is requested to transmit the amendment to the California Office of Administrative Law and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.
- 4. That the environmental document prepared by Regional Board staff pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21080.5 is hereby certified. Following approval of the revised Basin Plan by the State Board, the State Board shall file a Notice of Decision with the State Clearinghouse.
- 5. That the Board's Executive Officer is authorized to sign a Certificate of Fee Exemption, since no adverse effect on wildlife results in a "De Minimus" impact finding.
- 6. That if during approval process the State Board or OAL determines that minor, nonsubstantive corrections to the language of the amendment are needed for clarity or consistency, the Executive Officer may make such changes, and shall inform the Board of any such changes.

I, ROGER W. BRIGGS, Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, on December 6, 2002.

	December 6, 2002
Executive Officer	Date

File: Basin Plan, Nonpoint Source Section Revision